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MILITARY ORDER  
OF THE WORLD WARS



# PUBLIC SAFETY / LAW & ORDER

COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER | 2023 NOVEMBER

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Maj James Haney, Chair (Region VI)
- CPT Paula Mitchell, Vice Chair (Region XIII)
- HPM Charles Bennett (Region IV)
- Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg (Region IV)
- LTC William Sondervan (Region IV)
- MAJ Nelson Gonzalez (Region VI)
- CW4 Robert Hohman (Region VIII)
- CW4 Gary Smith (Region V)

### *The MOWW Public Safety/Law & Order Outreach Program:*

1) Recognizes outstanding performance & exceptional service in the law enforcement, fire & rescue service, criminal justice, and public safety communities, 2) Sponsors presentations about Public Safety/L&O issues, 3) Promotes Public Safety events, activities, and projects, and 4) Encourages MOWW Companions to participate in Public Safety/L&O activities & events.

## OY 2022-2023 MOWW OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE AWARD PRESENTATION

The Greater El Paso Chapter, presented the National MOWW Outstanding Individual Performance Award to Detention Officer Daniel Cardenas of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office on October 21, 2023. Also in attendance was his supervisor, Sergeant Eduardo Gutierrez. Detention Officer



Cardenas was awarded a Lifesaving Award by the Greater El Paso Chapter in Spring 2023 for his bravery and personal risk of injury in saving a family from a burning trailer. All individuals survived, although some had injuries. All are doing fine now. D.O. Cardenas is now a Cadet in the Sheriff's Academy and is expected to graduate in December 2023.



**THE FOLLOWING REPORT FOR THE 2023-2024 PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW & ORDER COMMITTEE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MOWW CHIEF OF STAFF ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2023:**

**COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

MISSION: The committee shall gather information on issues pertaining to criminal justice operations, and shall develop, in conjunction with chapters, suggested Public Safety and Law & Order Programs that can be implemented at the chapter level.

1. Reach out to all chapters through Committee Region representatives by 1 November 2023 to aid them in developing, & updating their Chapter Action Plan (CAP) in achieving the goals and objectives in the new MOWW Strategic Plan 2023-2028.
2. Reach out to all chapters through Committee Region representatives quarterly (February & May 2024) to assist in achieving the goals and objectives in the new MOWW Strategic Plan 2023-2028.
3. Prepare and distribute Committee meeting minutes to Committee members and HQs MOWW reporting the proceedings, goals, progress, and achievements linking the same to the MOWW Strategic Plan 2023-2028 goals and objectives; quarterly including August 2023 NC23 Convention.
4. Identify topics and author PS/L&O article(s) for publication in The Officer Review; at least one for May 2024 release.
5. Formulate candidate resolutions to be considered and developed in conjunction with the Legislative & Resolutions Committee; March 2014 suspense.
6. Continue review of PS/L&O individual and chapter program awards submission forms to determine suitability for creation of an online submit-table form; March 2014 suspense.
7. Establish & distribute (Nov, Jan & Apr) Committee newsletter with logistical support from MOWW HQ Outreach Programs Manager.

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The Committee is charged with providing guidance to chapters, departments, and regions on ways and means to enhance maintenance of public safety and law and order within their jurisdictions.

The scope of this Program includes all elements of the public safety and law & order community represented by the list below, but a chapter may use its discretion to expand the scope further for its Program.

- Law Enforcement; examples:
  - Police department
  - Sheriff office
  - Campus Security Officers
  - Park Rangers
- Fire Service
- Emergency Medical Service
- Public Safety Telecommunicators
- Judicial Services; examples:
  - Probation and Parole Officers
  - Courtroom Services
- Corrections
- Wildland Fire Service

# OUTREACH

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## WHAT IS PS/L&O OUTREACH?

Below are four PS/L&O outreach activity categories that your chapter should consider to support the Chapter Action Plan to implement the MOWW Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

### PARTICIPATION

- By agencies during YLC/YLS & MOC
- Agency events, especially for youngsters stressing comradery within MOWW

### PRESENTATION include publicity

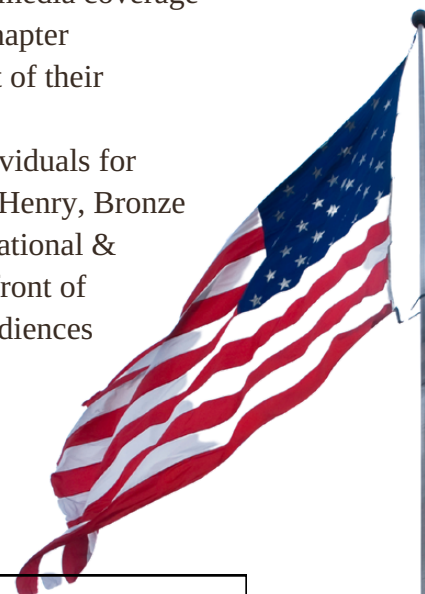
- Chapter meetings discussing current PS/L&O issue
- Agency events; especially for youngsters stressing MOWW & Veteran service

### PROMOTION include media coverage

- MOWW membership to Reserve & NG members within PS/L&O organizations
- National Recognition Days/ Weeks

### RECOGNITION include media coverage

- PS/L&O Agency to Chapter recognition for support of their activities
- Chapter to agency/individuals for service; Silver Patrick Henry, Bronze Patrick Henry Organizational & National Awards – in front of agency/government audiences



## **PUBLIC SAFETY/ LAW & ORDER RECOGNITION DAYS**

The following is a list of recognition days or weeks for the various public safety and law & order professions during this OY. These are opportune times to invite speakers, commend an organization, or recognize excellence in unit or individual performance.

- 9 January - NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY
- 2nd week April – NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK
- 1st Sunday May – NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER’S DAY/WEEK
- 4 May – INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTER’S DAY/WEEK
- 1st day of 3rd week May – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DAY/WEEK
- 15 May – PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY
- 2 July – NATIONAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DAY
- 14-20 July 2024 – PRETRIAL PROBATION PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK
- 11 September – PATRIOT DAY
- 1st weekend October – NATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS’ MEMORIAL WEEKEND
- 7-12 October 2024 - National Fire Prevention Week
- 28 October 2024 – NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

## Sons of the American Revolution Public Service and Heroism Awards

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Public Service and Heroism Awards recognize and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for heroic acts with a commendation certificate and medal.



**FIRE SAFETY  
COMMENDATION  
MEDAL**



**EMS MEDAL**



**HEROISM  
MEDAL**



**LAW  
ENFORCEMENT  
MEDAL**



**LIFE  
SAVING  
MEDAL**

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## GREATER EL PASO CHAPTER, MASSING OF THE COLORS

The Greater El Paso Chapter, Massing of the Colors was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 and included representatives of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office who are shown here entering the auditorium after being introduced. Participants included the Fort Bliss Color Guard, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Veterans Organizations, City & County Officials, JROTC & ROTC Units, and an Army Band Ensemble. Due to a number of conflicting community events, fall break for schools, and major accidents, our numbers were smaller than usual, but still an outstanding event!



## SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

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*“Eagles fly towards a storm using the energy to soar above the squall. They accept that there is volatile weather - and do not avoid it. Similarly, professional law enforcement (LE) officers move towards an active threat. They do not run away from trouble. LE personnel may need to neutralize the threat - To Save Lives.”*

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- posted 1 Sep 2023 on LinkedIn by Companion Kyle Vowinkel

Companion Kyle Vowinkel was honored to speak to LE professionals at the 2023 National Law Enforcement and Corporate Crimes Convention in Dallas. He spoke, “My team and I surrounded a murdering terrorist. We soared above the thunderstorm - when Lives Were On The Line - and captured the Boston Marathon bomber. Leaders and high performing teams diligently prepare beforehand – even when others avoid the intense resource expenditures required to be ready. The hard work and time it takes to reach mastery level of the fundamentals. There are no short cuts. As Bruce Lee explained, “Practice makes perfect. After a long time of practicing, our work will become natural, skillful, swift, and steady.”

When the next crisis happens, those teams that invested in the practice will be ready. They respond, adapt, and rise to the occasion. They demonstrate initiative while synchronizing efforts with others. Is your team ready? Have you done your best to prepare them? Will you and your team soar above the next storm?”



**JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP! “MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS PUBLIC SAFETY / LAW & ORDER OUTREACH”**

*See what other Companions and Chapters are doing plus posting what you & yours may be doing as well.*

**[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/1818277665116203](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1818277665116203)**



# CHAPTERS IN ACTION

## ➤➤➤ AUGUSTA, GA CHAPTER



### **MOWW Augusta Chapter Companions assist MOWW Partner Sons of the American Revolution, Georgia Society, Little River Chapter**

On 10 October 2023 Columbia County Fire Rescue Captain John Evans and Retired Chief Robert Rosier received The SAR Fire Safety Commendation and Emergency Medical Service medals in honor of their outstanding contributions to the field of public service. Issuing the awards were Augusta, Georgia Detachment Companions Bill Tankersley and Gary Smith.

On 17 August 2023, Companion Bill Tankersley presented 2 Law Enforcement Medals. Companion Gary Smith served



as a Deputy Sheriff with the Richmond County GA Sheriff's Office. Gary was assigned as Undercover Narcotics Agent, Road Patrol Officer, and SWAT Team Member. He maintains his Georgia Peace Officer Certification and currently volunteers in the Columbia Judicial Circuit as the Chief Coordinator for the Veterans Treatment Court.

The Chapter Vice President Alton McCloud served as a Department of Justice Police Officer in Washington, D.C., Deputy Sheriff in Jackson County, AL, and patrolman, Captain, and Chief of Police in the City of Stevenson, AL.

## ➤➤➤ CHICAGO, IL CHAPTER

## ➤➤➤ SUN CITY CENTER, FL CHAPTER

2023 MOWW National Individual PS/L&O Exceptional Service Award winner presented to Polk County (FL) Sheriff Grady Judd presentation by MOWW Chapter 226 (Sun City Center, FL).



Chicago Chapter Companion CW2 Eliseo Lopez presents Lindenhurst police chief Tom Jones with a check for \$250 for the 100 club which supports first responders .

**MOWW Virginia Piedmont Chapter Companions assist MOWW Partner Sons of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry Chapter in an awards ceremony at Lynchburg City Council**



*Sons of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry Chapter President (and MOWW Patriot) Mark Day leads the SAR Public Service and Heroism Awards ceremony at the City of Lynchburg, Virginia City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. From the left are: Past Virginia Piedmont Chapter Commander C. Michael Reeves, Companion Dr. Charlie Driscoll and Chapter Patriot Mark Day.*

Receiving awards are Lynchburg Fire Department Battalion Chief David Jackson, Master Firefighter Colt Freeman, Captain Jennifer Collins, Paramedic Jeffery Grant, and Firefighter Justin David.

The SAR Public Service and Heroism Awards recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for heroic acts with a commendation and a medal.

The MOWW Virginia Piedmont Chapter works effectively with our community partner, the Sons of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry Chapter. Several MOWW Companions who are members of the chapter Public Safety / Law & Order Committee. are also Compatriots in the SAR: Past Virginia Piedmont Chapter Commander C. Michael Reeves, Companion Dr. Charlie Driscoll, Historian General Charles Bennett, and Chapter Patriot Mark Day.

By working together, we are accomplishing the goals of both patriotic organizations and are helping make our community, our commonwealth, and our country a better place.

Join Us



The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is a patriotic, nonpartisan, Veterans Service Organization (VSO) dedicated to promoting patriotism, civic responsibility, public service, and leadership in our nation's communities. MOWW's founding resulted from General of the Armies John J. Pershing's request that his officers continue serving America after their active military service ended following World War I. Since MOWW's establishment in 1919, MOWW Companions have lived by the Order's motto, "It is nobler to serve than to be served."

**To join MOWW visit: [moww.org/become-a-companion/](https://moww.org/become-a-companion/)**